

Criminal Justice Team
Lancaster County - Substance Abuse Action Coalition
10:00 a.m. 555 S. 9th St.
November 18, 2003

Present were: Julie Hippen, Gus Hitz, Lori Griggs, Toni Arntzen, Otto Schultz

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Juvenile Drug Court has funding through June of 2004. It depends mostly on Federal Funds.

A Teen Court is focused on first offenses and teens are involved in making the decisions.

EVALUATION'S NEEDED

Toni reported on conversations she has had with women in jail. Sometimes a probation officer will say a woman could go to treatment rather than wait in jail, if she had an evaluation. However, if she has no money for evaluation, she does not get to treatment.

More residential treatment programming is needed, otherwise women return to old neighborhoods and old friends and old problems.

Toni's impression is that the women she works with in jail really want a better life.

NEW HALF-WAY HOUSE

Paige Namuth of Antlers is opening a women's ¾ way house called Yvonne House.

SSI'S AT YOUTH ASSESSMENT CENTER

Gus reported that the from February 2002, to November 18, 2003 that the Youth Assessment Center assessed 348 youth using the SSI (Simple Screening Instrument) and the MAYSI-2 (Massachusetts Adolescent Youth & Screening Instrument) In the MAYSI-2, Alcohol and Drugs is one of 5 domains.

Gender of those Screened	Ethnicity of those screened	
Female - 85	American Indian	14
Male - 263	African American	69
Total - 348	Asian	8
	Hispanic	27
	White	230
	TOTAL	348

GRANT FOR YOUTH EVALUATIONS

They are submitting a grant to the Nebraska Crime Commission that will enable them to do 400 Standardized Substance Evaluations per year. Their need is for a full-time CADAC. They will show the value in doing evaluations quickly and the cost savings to the state and county. The grant runs 3 years and will begin in July and will decrease each year after that. These will yield quick evaluations to give timely feedback to the judges.

CENTRALIZED INTAKE

Centralized Intake for Lancaster County would provide a single point of entry for juvenile violators for screening and assessment. This would determine what diversion program fits best. Options include house arrest, day or evening reporting center, electronic monitoring and tracker service.

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